

APPOMATTOX - BUCKINGHAM STATE FOREST

# 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

## Holiday Lake Forestry Camp

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David Coffman, Camp Coordinator

Denny McCarthy, Camp Director

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*Campers discover results of  
genetic improvement research  
while learning grafting  
techniques from VDOF  
Nurseryman Paul Reier in the  
Superior Tree Seed Orchard  
at Appomattox-Buckingham  
State Forest.*



*Up, up, and away! Campers learn from  
tree improvement experts how to safely  
climb and prune trees in urban areas.*

**2002 Forestry Camp Nominations  
Due April 20**

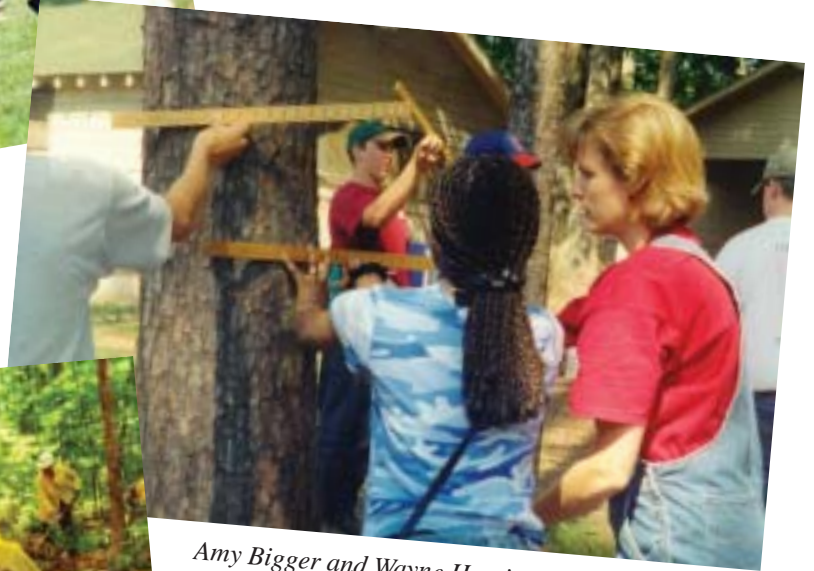
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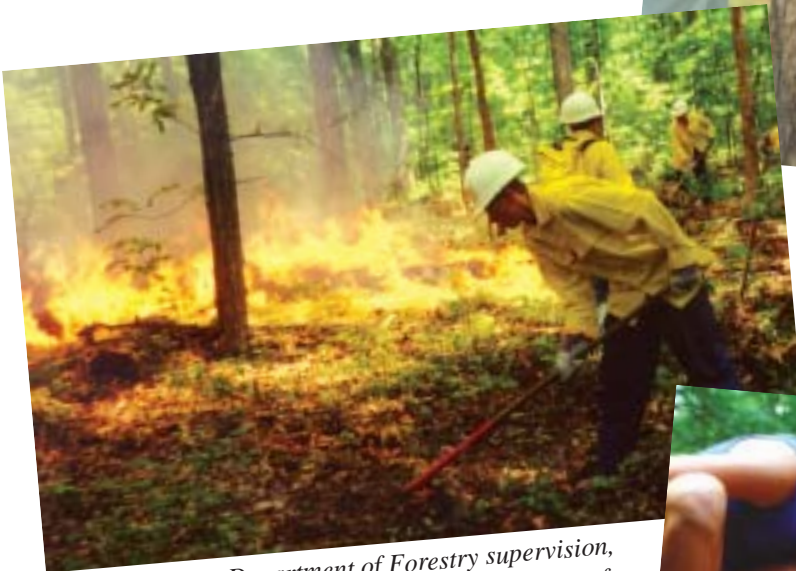
# PHOTO SCRAPBOOK



*Practice and teamwork pay off with the fastest time in the "Jack and Jill" crosscut competition during Lumberjack Field Day.*



*Amy Bigger and Wayne Harris, Foresters with Smurfit-Stone Corporation, teach the use of a Biltmore stick to measure timber volumes.*



*Under Virginia Department of Forestry supervision, campers dress the part for experience on fireline of a forest fire.*



*During wilderness survival class, Ron Hughes, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, helps campers test their outdoor skills by building campfires without matches.*








## FORESTRY CAMP TRAINS STUDENTS & TEACHERS

The *Appomattox Buckingham State Forest* was the training site for 91 teenage students and 44 educators and staff from throughout Virginia attending the **55th Annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp** held the third week of June 2001. Administered by the Virginia Department of Forestry, this unique camp provides an opportunity for students and educators to experience sustainable natural resource management using hands-on, learn-by-doing activities.

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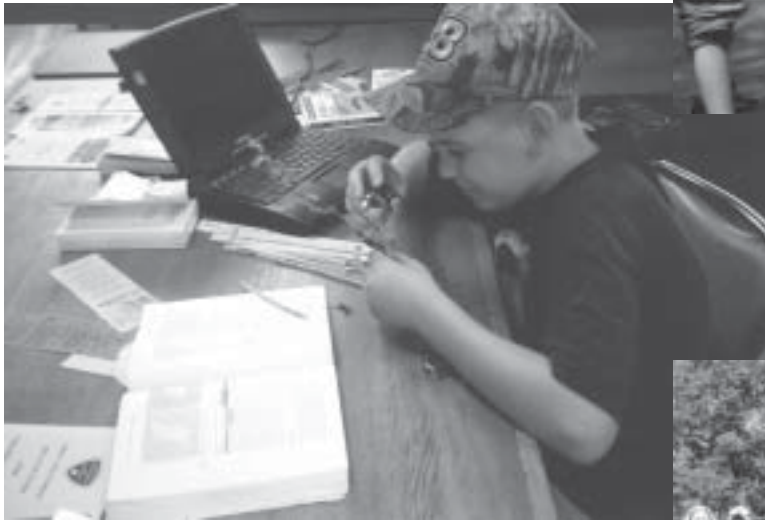
Camp is held at the Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center located within the 20,000-acre *Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*. This working forest provides a vast “outdoor classroom” for interactive learning. Classes are taught in the woods on traditional forestry and wildlife management subjects by professional foresters, wildlife biologists, and resource specialists. The volunteer staff counselors represent the many sponsoring companies, agencies, organizations, as well as graduate students and Vo-Ag and Environmental Science teachers.

The Camp is financed through contributions and in-kind services from forest industries, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Forestry Education Foundation, the USDA Forest Service, area businesses, consulting foresters, conservation agencies and associations, and individual forest stewards committed to educating tomorrow’s leaders.



*Campers compete in the bow saw competition during Lumberjack Field Day.*

Campers are selected from nominations made by teachers, forestry and wildlife professionals, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Envirothon coaches, 4-H and Scout Leaders, and Virginia Department of Forestry personnel. Campers must be age 13-16, in good academic standing, and cannot be previous attendees. All students selected to attend Camp are awarded a scholarship to cover Camp expenses. Campers pay a \$35 registration fee to confirm their attendance and acceptance of the matching scholarship.



*The Computer Lab allows students to utilize new CD-ROMs and virtual reality technology to research and identify specimens found in the field.*

Special activities included field trips to Grief Brothers paper mill near Amherst, urban forestry tree climbing and tree care demonstrations by Davey and Bartlett tree care companies and a controlled burn to learn fire tactics and equipment capabilities. Demonstration activities included wildlife research techniques, bloodhound search team, game warden duties, forest history, stream quality monitoring, wilderness survival and a high ropes course for leadership and confidence building. A special computer lab was set up for students to use CDs to research information and view interactive virtual reality programs. A camper notebook was developed to provide basic course information to students and give them an opportunity to take a record of their experiences back to their schools and communities. The last day of Camp featured a comprehensive final exam and a Lumberjack Field Day which included group competition in traditional forestry skills like crosscut sawing and log rolling.



*Students learn how to monitor and assess water quality. Live critters are collected and identified during stream surveys.*



*Ready, Take Aim... FIRE! Campers compete in a backpack water pump contest at Lumberjack Field Day.*



*Campers receive awards for outstanding achievements on the final camp test and Lumberjack Field Day.*



*Ecology class studies "tree cookies" -- cross sections of trees showing growth rings and response to environmental factors. Stan Warner, VDOF Silviculturist, relates how today's forests are influenced by past historical events including the Civil War, Great Depression and building boom after World War II.*

During the awards program Friday evening, Camp Director Denny McCarthy presented awards of outdoor sports equipment to participants who completed outstanding work and for competition in the Lumberjack Field Day events. Eliot Daniels, an Envirothon and FFA Forestry Team member from Carroll County High School, received the Outstanding Camper Award and was presented a \$100 Savings Bond, backpack, and a multi-tool set. All chestnut leaf logo.



*Drew Arnn, VDOF Pittsylvania County Forester, shows growth increase in loblolly pine plantings after release from hardwood competition.*

Camp Coordinator David Coffman, who was a camper over 30 years ago and Instructor for the past 18 years, commented that "Forestry Camp is a truly unique experience - it greatly influenced my interest in forestry. It's gratifying to see students coming back as counselors, or meeting alumni who now work or are active volunteers in a natural resource conservation field, due in part to their participation in Forestry Camp. Our goal is to have these special students and teachers learn some neat things about our forests, how important they are to our quality of life and have fun doing it. We provide hands-on courses that are exciting and unique to Forestry Camp, activities these teens would not experience anywhere else. We hope it's an experience that will have a positive influence on them and their interest in conservation for many years to come."



For the staff and many former campers, the experience of *Holiday Lake Forestry Camp* has been a great influence on their career choices and success. Hopefully, in addition to memories of a fun week, the campers will also return home with a better understanding of the importance of scientific resource management and a stewardship ethic to sustain both the economic values and environmental benefits of our renewable natural resources.

## ***ESL STUDENTS SHARE WORLD EXPERIENCE***

A unique partnership has developed the past three years with Glasgow Middle School in Fairfax County involving English as a Second Language (ESL) students. Glasgow Middle School serves the Bailey's Crossroads, Falls Church, and Annandale communities and is one of three Fairfax County middle schools with grades six, seven, and eight. Fifty-six nations and 32 languages are represented in the student population. Susan Zysk, Director of Student Activities, was looking for a special activity to give ESL students an opportunity to learn about natural resources. She learned of HLFC through area 4-H contacts who provided conservation oriented programs for the urban area students. The students that participated in 1999 and 2000 were so enthusiastic about their Camp experiences that six students expressed interest in the 2001 Camp. All six were accepted and were accompanied by Beverly Vaile, a Life Science Teacher who also participated in the PLT Teacher Training. The ESL students enhanced the overall Camp experience by sharing a wealth of world experience with the other Campers and Staff.



## ***PILOT "GROUP LEADER TRAINING PROGRAM"***

Ten *Honor Campers* from 2000 returned by invitation this year to participate in the pilot "Group Leader Training Program". These exceptional students are selected by Staff to gain leadership training, provide leadership and orientation to new Campers, explore career opportunities, take additional courses and assist the adult Counselors in organizing group activities. These teen leaders assist with Camp set up and are successful in enhancing the Camp experience for both Staff and Campers.



## ***PLT EDUCATOR TRAINING***

Through a special conservation education grant from the U.S. Forest Service, scholarships were awarded to 11 classroom teachers and volunteer youth educators to attend Camp and participate with the students in classes, gaining hands-on training in Project Learning Tree (PLT) materials. PLT Coordinator, Lisa Deaton, noted that incorporating PLT activities enhanced the interactive quality of the field classes. The educators were able to attend classes with students adding to their knowledge and understanding of scientific, sustainable natural resource management and provided the opportunity to actually participate in the PLT activities in a class situation rather than training in a simulated workshop. The veteran volunteer Camp Instructors also gained new techniques to get students more involved in course lessons.

# A CAMP IN THE WOODS

Written in thanks to all the sponsors of State Forestry Camp 2001 at Holiday Lake. This poem is dedicated to all the participants. Composed by Shirley Sypolt, Teacher from Hampton City Schools, 1<sup>st</sup> year participant and counselor.

Come along with us  
To a camp in the woods.  
Forestry Camp at Holiday Lake  
In the Appomattox-Buckingham State  
Forest.

Fifty-five years this camp  
Has nestled along this lake.  
Welcoming campers  
From near and far.

Campers, staff, and counselors  
Who come to a week of camp,  
Volunteering some time from their  
summer  
To learn and teach about forestry and  
wildlife careers.

Arriving at cabins and bunkhouses  
Moving in and straightening up.  
Greeting old friends and making new  
Checking schedules in camp binders.

What do we do?  
What will we learn?  
Moving from class to class  
Having new instructors each day.

**Tree Identification**  
Hiking around the camp.  
Learning names of many tree species  
Some easy and some hard to remember.

**Forest Measurements**  
Learning to pace off a chain.  
Using a Biltmore stick  
To determine tree height and diameter.

**Forest History** hikes around the lake  
Learning what the land was like  
Before people lived in this area  
And understanding changes over time.

**Save Our Streams** within our forest  
Wading up and downstream capturing and  
examining  
Micro and macro invertebrates  
Along with a few fish, frogs and  
salamanders.

The **High Ropes** course  
Climbing high and letting go  
Trusting team mates  
To keep you safe.

**Wilderness Survival**  
Learning how to live off the land  
What is safe to eat  
And what is not.

**Forest Fire Tactics**  
Learning about controlled and prescribed  
burns.  
Youth working with professionals  
To put out a small forest fire.

**Timber Harvesting and Wildlife  
Management**  
Traveling by vans out into the state forest  
Studying the different management  
methods  
Needed to keep forests and wildlife  
healthy.

Studying **Forest Ecology**  
Into the forest again we go to further  
explore  
Forest management techniques  
Learning to "Take" or "Leave".

**Urban Forestry** orientation  
Observing an unhealthy tree being cut  
down  
Demonstrating pest and disease control  
Climbing trees and bucket rides into the  
sky.

Studying **Environmental Protection**  
Of our forest lands  
Best Management Practices  
Regenerating a forest by  
planting baby trees.

Studying how to **Reproduce a  
Forest**  
One pollen grain at a time  
Grafting best qualities  
For the next generation of  
trees.

**Project Learning Tree**  
activities  
Participated in by all.  
Making learning fun  
While teaching about the forest.

**Studying hard**  
And taking quizzes and tests.

Doing good on some  
And not so well on others.

**Lumberjack Field Day** fun for all  
Sawing by ones and twos  
Rolling logs up hill and down  
Spraying a stream of water into a can.

Receiving awards for working hard  
Time to celebrate  
A job well done  
Prizes received and cheered by all.

The time goes by fast  
From Reveille to Taps  
So much to learn  
So much to share with friends.

We learned a lot about forestry  
We made new friends  
We learned to be a team  
And grew a little taller inside.

Thanks to all our sponsors  
You made this week very special  
And created  
A lifetime of fond memories.

Thanks for helping us to come  
To this camp in the woods.  
Forestry Camp at Holiday Lake  
In the Appomattox-Buckingham State  
Forest.



Shirley Sypolt, PLT educator and Hampton City School teacher, demonstrates using PLT activities as part of field classes to enhance "student learning by doing". Ms. Sypolt was recognized nationally as an OUTSTANDING PLT EDUCATOR in 2001.

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## HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP SPONSORS

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We gratefully acknowledge the contributions and in-kind services from the following forest industries, conservation agencies, associations, organizations and individuals whose generous sponsorship make Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible:

### ***Forest Industry***

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Buffalo Shook Company Inc.  
Glatfelter Pulpwood Company  
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Grief Brothers Corp  
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Morgan Lumber Company  
Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.  
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Williamette Industries  
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Appalachian Timberland Management (Jim Carroll)  
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Forest Resources Management (Frank Brooks)  
Hunter Darden  
Resource Management Services (Dave Froggatt)  
Bill Newman, ENVIROFOR, LLC.

### ***Agencies***

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Dabney Lancaster Community College  
VA Tech College of Natural Resources  
VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries  
VA Department of Forestry  
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest  
USDA Forest Service Grant Programs  
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Forest Stewardship Grant  
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### ***Conservation Associations, Businesses & Individuals***

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Appalachian Forest Management Group  
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Society of American Foresters – Virginia Division  
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Wal-Mart – Mechanicsville  
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Virginia Forest Products Association  
Virginia Forestry Education Foundation  
Wintergreen Nature Foundation  
Virginia Association of SWCD  
Bartlett Education Foundation

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Monacan SWCD  
Mountain SWCD  
Natural Bridge SWCD  
Peaks of Otter SWCD  
Robert E. Lee SWCD  
Tazewell SWCD  
Thomas Jefferson SWCD





*Walter Perkins, Westvaco Corporation, shows safety features on chainsaw during logging field trip.*

Thank You  
For Your  
support !!!



*Billy "Bubba" Newman, Consulting Forester, advises students on determining basal area for pine thinning.*



*Bartlett and Davey Tree Services experts helped students get hooked up to learn how to safely climb and prune trees.*



*Timmy Goodbar, logger with Two Brothers Logging and former camper, volunteers as counselor and Lumberjack coach. He times the cross-cut saw team.*

## HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP STAFF

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CAMP DIRECTOR	Denny McCarthy - VDOF - Salem Region
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	Alan Craft - VDOF - Alleghany County
CAMP ASSISTANT	Kenny Mohler - VDOF - Rockbridge County
CAMP REGISTRAR	Loma Jean Lambert* - VDOF - Charlottesville
CAMP COORDINATOR	David Coffman - VDOF - Charlottesville

## INSTRUCTORS

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Environmental Protection	1. Howard Wright - VDOF Patrick County
Reproducing the Forest	2. Heather Barrar - VDOF - Chesterfield County
Tree Identification, Insects & Disease	3. Amy Bigger* - Smurfit-Stone Corporation
Forest Measurements	4. Wayne Harris* - Smurfit-Stone Corporation
Timber Harvesting	5. Billy Newman - Consulting Forester
Wildlife Management	6. Terry Brennen* - VDOF - Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest
Tree Improvement \ Nursery Management	7. Nelson Lafon - VA Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries
Forest Ecology	8. Paul Reier - VDOF - New Kent Forestry Center
Forest Management	9. Paul Le Duc - VDOF - New Kent Forestry Center
Save Our Streams	10. Ward Robens - Dabney Lancaster Com. College
Forest History & Ecology	11. Walter Perkins - Westvaco Corporation
Wildfire Tactics & Equipment	12. Mike Hayslett - Holiday Lake 4-H Center Staff
Wilderness Survival	13. Dana Roberts* - VA Assoc. Soil & Water Conservation Districts
High Ropes Initiative	14. Kate McConnell - Wintergreen Nature Foundation
Harvesting Operation Demonstration	15. Alex Williamson - VDOF - Halifax
Urban Forestry Arboriculture Demo	16. Mike Womack - VDOF - Appomattox-Buckingham St. For.
Lumberjack Field Day	17. Hal Meyers* - *VDOF - Amherst County
PLT Educator Training	18. Ron Hughes* - VA Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries
Wildlife Research	19. Brian Branch* - Holiday Lake 4-H Center Staff
Bloodhound Tracking Team	20. Timmy Goodbar - Two Brothers Logging - Lexington
Game Warden Duties	21. Alan Jones* - Bartlett Tree Service- Charlottesville
	22. Gale Washburn - VDOF - Lunenburg County
	23. Lisa Deaton* - VDOF - PLT Coordinator
	24. Drew Arnn - VDOF - Pittsylvania County
	25. Cale Godfrey* - VA Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries
	26. Mike Armstrong & Levi* - VDOF - Rockingham County
	27. William Kidd - VA Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries



## COUNSELORS & PLT EDUCATORS

### MALE

1. R. J. Garman – VDOF Retired - Salem
2. Carl Belew – VDOF - Charlottesville
3. Russ Holland – Stewardship Landowner - Powhatan
4. Matt Weaver – PLT Coordinator - Alaska
5. Jeff Kirwan\* – VA Tech - 4-H Coordinator

\*DAY TIME ONLY STAFF

### FEMALE

1. Becky Woodson\* – VDOF - Charlottesville
2. Laura Polant – VDOF - Floyd Co
3. Donna Cognata\* - VDOF - Charlottesville
4. Carolyn Morris\* – VDOF - Farmville
5. Heidi Martin – Teacher - Fauquier Co
6. Shirley Sypolt – Teacher - Hampton
7. Beverly Vaile- Teacher - Fairfax

## Camp Registrar, Loma Jean Lambert, Retires

The Staff of Forestry Camp say farewell to Camp Registrar Loma Jean Lambert and express our appreciation for her ten years of dedicated service to Camp. Loma Jean was the first person to 'get things movin' for Camp each January with mailings and contacts to potential sponsors, staff, nominators, campers and supporters. Once the nominations came rolling in, she took a personal interest in seeing that each student and parent got individual attention and made sure the Camp experience would be a great one. In May and June of each year, Loma would become the temporary 'Camp Mom' for 100 plus teens and 40 Staffers, making sure they had all the stuff they needed for Camp, a ride to Camp – and home again. When the campers arrived for registration, they were always greeted by Loma Jean with a smiling face and personal attention which made them feel welcome for what she knew would be a great week of Forestry Camp. She had a very special role in making Forestry Camp memorable and successful for all involved and we will miss her dedication and caring. We hope she will join us whenever she can as a 'retiree volunteer'. A position on the Camp Staff will always be reserved for her.



*Loma Jean Lambert, Camp registrar, and Jeannette Howard National Tree Farmer of the Year, show the 'kids' how teamwork can make log rolling easy. VDOF retiree and Volunteer Counselor, R.J. Garman admires their technique.*



*Every morning and evening, campers gather in respect for American patriotism during flag ceremonies.*

## Budget Summary

The 2001 Camp cost \$112 per person (Campers, Instructors, Counselors) for meals and lodging and an additional \$1050 for assistance from Holiday Lake Education Center Staff. Campers for the fourth year paid a \$35 registration fee to help pay Camp activity costs and reduce the number of “no shows” to almost ‘zero’ compared to prior years.

All 91 students attending Camp received a full scholarship. There were 67 male and 24 female students, including 7 minorities. The 44 “all-volunteer” staff included 15 “first-time” Instructors and Counselors. All staff serve as “in-kind” contributors, being paid, or on approved leave from their employers, or serving as volunteers. The staff included 4 classroom teachers and 11 youth organization volunteer educators. A special grant from the U.S. Forest Service sponsored the 9 educators who also completed PLT Secondary Module training during the week. The costs for six vans provided by the Virginia Department of Forestry are contributed to the Camp.

<b>EXPENSES (rounded)</b>		<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
Food and Facilities	\$13,208	Sponsor Scholarships [detail below]	\$11,105
Bus and Van for field trips	\$100		
Staff Assistance, lifeguards	\$925	Student Registration Fee	\$3,045
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$14,233	(87 students** x \$35/student)	
Camper T-shirts	\$1,440		
Staff and Sponser Hats	\$743	USDA Forest Service Millennium	\$4,500
Film and development	\$245	Conservation Education Grant FY01	
Camper Notebook printing	\$531		
Academic Awards	\$850		
Appomattox School Buses	\$375		
Safety Equipment	\$220		
Class Supplies	\$553		
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$4,957		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,190</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$18,650</b>

**\*\*Some student registration fees are included in scholarship contributions from SWCDs and other Sponsors.**

<b>PERCENTAGE OF \$11,105 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BY CONTRIBUTOR CATEGORY</b>		
5 Pulp & Paper Companies	28%	\$3,100
3 Sawmills	3%	\$300
15 Soil & Water Conservation Districts	15%	\$1,655
8 Consulting Foresters	9%	\$1,000
3 Associations	38%	\$4,250
Society of American Foresters Chapters	7%	\$800





## 56th YEAR JUNE 17 - 22, 2002

### ***Introducing... Forestry Camp 2002***

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- ♦ Sustainable Forest Management Practices
- ♦ Timber Harvesting and Reforestation
- ♦ Tree Measurements
- ♦ Environmental Protection
- ♦ Wildlife Management and Habitat Improvement
- ♦ Stream Quality Analysis
- ♦ Tree Identification

Field trips are taken to an active logging operation and a modern papermill. Optional classes are offered in ecology, forest fire equipment and tactics, wilderness survival and low ropes initiatives. Evening programs feature presentations by area Game Wardens, bloodhound search and rescue team, and professional loggers. A **LUMBERJACK FIELD DAY** provides group competition in crosscut sawing, log rolling, and other skills contests.

Recreation and athletics are led by a qualified Director and a Red Cross lifeguard. Included are swimming, softball, volleyball, gaga and horseshoe pitching.

### ***NEW Teacher Training Program***

Scholarships are available for educators to participate in Camp classes and activities to receive training in ***Project Learning Tree*** and re-certification credits. Contact the Camp Coordinator for details and how to apply.

### ***Scholarships Provided...***

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#### ***Criteria for nomination and matching scholarship:***

- ♦ an interest in forestry, wildlife or related conservation activities
- ♦ potential for benefiting from the Camp
- ♦ age 13-16
- ♦ good academic standing
- ♦ previous attendees are not eligible

Nomination forms and other Camp information may be obtained on our web site at :

**[www.dof.state.va.us/hlfc.htm](http://www.dof.state.va.us/hlfc.htm)**

### ***Send Nomination Forms To:***

***Virginia Department of Forestry,  
ATTN: HLFC  
900 Natural Resources Dr. Suite 800  
Charlottesville, VA 22903***

***NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY VDOF NO  
LATER THAN APRIL 20, 2002***

## **HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP ... A CAMPER'S TRIBUTE**

*By Ben Oliver*

The stars shine  
With their everlasting glow  
As I make my way home  
Through the deepening snow.

The woods are dark,  
Dark and deep  
As I make my way home  
To where I can sleep.

The sleigh creaks  
The dogs bark  
As we make our way home  
Through the gathering dark.

Finally, trail weary,  
We see the glow of a light  
And the little log cabin  
Comes into sight.

Making our way  
Toward the light  
The sled picks up speed  
Skimming over the snow like a  
bird in flight.

We have made it  
As tired as we may be  
And now our eyes  
Can finally see.

The trip was incredible  
The sights fabulous to see  
And a new perspective  
Comes over me.

Now, destination reached,  
I can finally see;  
It is not the destination  
But the journey which truly  
matters to me.

After reading his poem at the assembly Saturday morning, Ben made the following remarks.

"I think this poem really reflects what we all thought of camp. During most of the week, we couldn't wait to get home. Now, suddenly, at the end of the week, we realize, it wasn't all that bad. We've had experiences and memories that will last us a lifetime. I think that now we, like in the poem, realize that the journey is just as important as the destination."

Ben is a 13 year-old student from Godwin Middle School in Woodbridge, Prince William County. He is active in numerous conservation and community service activities. He received nominations to attend Camp from Leesylvania State Park Manager, Prince William Clean Community Organization and his science teacher. Due to his outstanding interest and accomplishments at Camp, Ben will be invited to serve as a Group Leader for the 2002 Camp.

***"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children"***  
***~ Amish Proverb ~***



# PHOTO SCRAPBOOK



*"Green side up!" R.J. Garman, VDOF Retired from Salem, shows correct planting technique for pine seedlings.*



*Virginia Department of Forestry personnel demonstrate new fire fighting equipment such as a specially equipped humvee.*



*Log rolling relay teaches teamwork and practical skills during Lumberjack Field Day on the final day of camp.*



*Safe felling techniques for snags are demonstrated for students.*



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